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Introduction

The Diagenode SX-8G IP-Star® Automated System automates immunoprecipitation and increases reproducibility

Diagenode, the leading provider of complete solutions for epigenetics research, offers a variety of end-to-end systems to streamline DNA methylation and chromatin immunoprecipitation workflows. Central to this full offering is Diagenode's Automated Systems, simple yet robust automated bench-top instruments that standardize different epigenetic applications (i.e. ChIP, MeDIP or MethylCap). Diagenode designed these automation systems to make ChIP and DNA methylation studies accessible and reproducible, and ensure consistent data in every experiment.

Diagenode Automated Systems will produce consistent results from any operator regardless of the day, the experimental run, or the lab. Robust and reproducible results is a major goal of today's high resolution epigenomic studies.

Diagenode Automated Platforms replace the numerous manual, error-prone steps of complex epigenetic applications with a reliable, highly consistent and automated process that requires minimal operator intervention. We empower researchers to simplify the tedious protocols and the complexity of many epigenetic protocols. In addition, Diagenode Automated Systems minimize sample carryover, data variability, and costly errors. The platforms offer full workflow support for epigenetics research, utilizing our complete kits and laboratory-validated protocols to rapidly deliver high-quality and consistent data.

Auto ChIP kit

The Diagenode Auto ChIP kit is designed to perform automated immunoprecipitation of Chromatin using the SX-G8 IP-Star Automated System.

With the Auto ChIP kit the protocol has been improved to enhance the utility of the ChIP procedure, allowing you to perform many more ChIPs per day and per week. The entire procedure can be performed in a day's work as the two overnight incubations have been eliminated. The IP has been optimized to specifically select and precipitate the chromatin by the use of our antibodies, buffers and protocols. Furthermore, the use of our automated system will drastically increase the consistency of your ChIP assay.

The Auto ChIP kit allows you to perform chromatin IP analysis of your sample in a FAST, HIGH and SPECIFIC manner.

In the Auto ChIP kit, the protocol has been improved to allow researchers to work in smaller tubes than traditionally did so far. The kit ensures the use of low amount of reagents per reaction (not only antibodies, but also buffers) and also provides you with fewer buffers in comparison with other kits.

The Kit also includes a DNA isolation buffer (DIB) for an extra-fast method to purify your IP'd material (for qPCR analysis). Alternatively, for other applications, e.g. sequencing, linear amplification or microarray, Magnetic DNA purification can be automated as alternative.

Combination of this High Quality Kit and the SX-8G IP-Star® Automated System will allow you to perform Chromatin IP in less than 10 hours! Starting with sheared chromatin the Automated System will provide you with the purified immunoprecipitated DNA of your sample.

Customer Feedback

Not only does the IP-Star eliminate the problem of human variation associated with producing our samples, it also enables us to produce 1000-2000 ChIP-seq samples per year very reliably. The IP-Star reduces our processing time down from one day of manual work to just one overnight run with only 30 minutes of hands-on work. The IP-Star has made all our ChIPs consistent and the process completely reliable regardless of the operator or the time of day.

Dr. John Lambourne, Postdoctorate Researcher at the Innovation Centre, McGill University, Canada.

SX-8G IP-Star® and SX-8G IP-Star® Compact Systems for automation of epigenetic applications

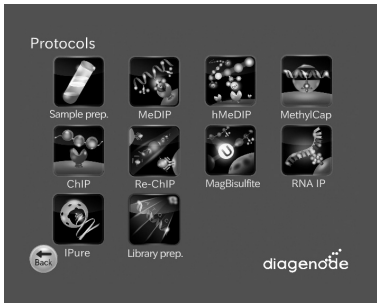
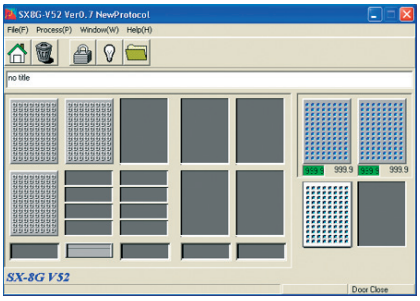
Diagenode has developed two automated platforms (SX-8G IP-Star® and SX-8G IP-Star® Compact) designed to increase your lab's productivity, efficiency and experimental reproducibility. The two automated platforms are capable of processing up to 16 samples per cycle. The automated systems processes sheared chromatin (or DNA) to deliver purified DNA ready for qPCR, amplification, microarray and sequencing analysis. Both, the SX-8G IP-Star® and SX-8G IP-star® Compact have an easy-to-use open software that provides you with flexibility. This allows you to create your personal protocol according to your specific needs.

Major benefits of Diagenode Automated Platforms

SX-8G IP-Star® Compact

SX-8G IP-Star®

- → High resolution ChIP-seq and MeDIP-seq profiles
- → Automated library preparation for Next Generation sequencing
- → Reduces hands on time to just 30 minutes
- → Reduces variability between operators and labs
- → Ideal for low sample starting amounts
- → Compatible with Diagenode Kits (Auto ChIP kit, Auto Histone ChIP-seq kit, Auto Histone ChIP-seq kit, Auto MeDIP kit, Auto MethylCap kit, Auto hMeDIP, Auto IPure kit)
- → Reduces cross-contamination

	SX-8G IP-Star® Compact	SX-8G IP-Star®
Applications	ChIP-seq, MeDIP-seq, MethylCap-seq, hMeDIP, IPure, Sample preparation, Re-ChIP, MagBisulfite, RNA-IP, Library preparation for NGS platforms.	ChIP-seq, MeDIP-seq, MethylCap-seq, hMeDIP , IPure, Sample preparation, Re-ChIP, MagBisulfite, RNA-IP.
Software		
User interface	Intuitive touch screen panel	PC Software
User friendly	Software training not required	Software training before use
Dispensing	Automated dispension of assay reagents	Manual dispension of assay reagents
Protocol optimization (flexible parameters)	Antibody coating (temperature, time, mixing speed) Immunoprecipitation (temperature, time, mixing speed) Washes (temperature, time, mixing speed)	Antibody coating (temperature, time) Immunoprecipitation (temperature, time)
New protocol development	Achievable by Diagenode product specialist	Achievable by customer after training
Characteristics	750W x 740 D x 610 H | 100 kg 8 Nozzles X-Y-Z axis | 4 – 95°C	1070W x 650 D x 780 H | 130 kg 8 Nozzles X-Y-Z axis | 4-95°C

Improved reproducibility

Our SX-8G IP-Star will increase the immunoprecipitation reproducibility between IPs performed by the same as well as by different operators (see figure 1 and 2 below). Reagents (Antibodies, buffers,...) and sheared chromatin were identical for "ManChIP" and "AutoChIP". The SX-8G IP-Star Automated system removes variation that can be created by manual handling and allows you to optimize and standardize your assay within a lab. The SX-8G IP-Star is designed to improve the accuracy and the reproducibility of any immunoprecipitiation experiment.

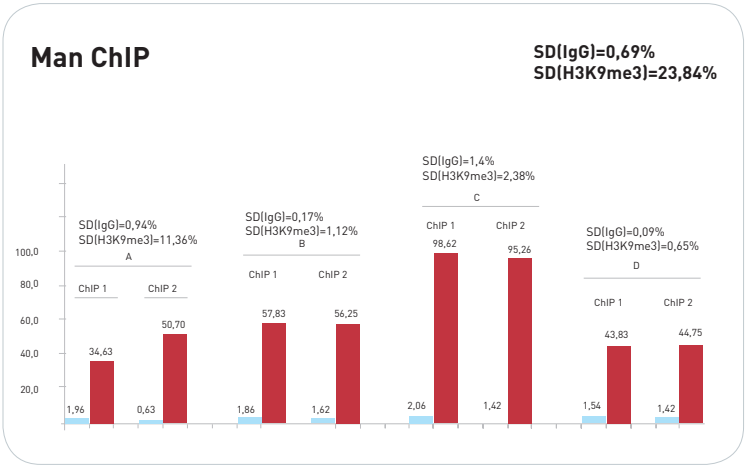


Figure 1: Manual ChIP. Four different operators have each performed two ChIP experiments using H3K9me3 antibody on the genomic region SAT2 (positive locus). 10,000 Hela cells have been used per IP. Reagents and sheared chromatin were identical per assay. The standard deviations between the ChIPs performed by the same operator and between the four different operators are displayed.

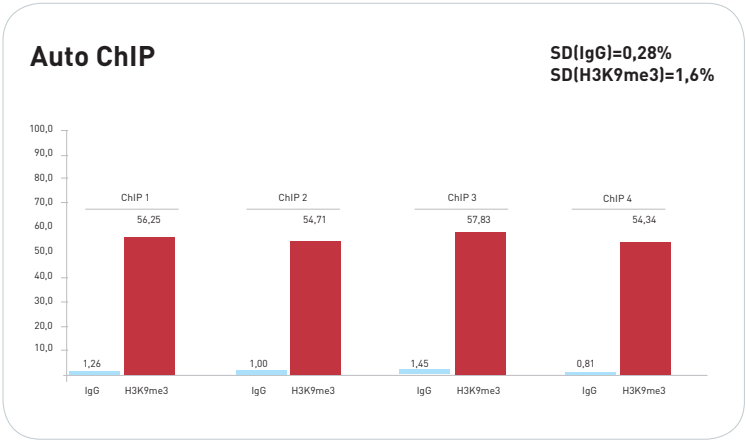


Figure 2: Automated ChIP. Four ChIP experiments using H3K9me3 antibody on the genomic region SAT2 (positive locus) have been performed by the SX-8G IP-Star. 10,000 Hela cells have been used per IP. Reagents and sheared chromatin were identical per assay. The standard deviations between the four ChIPs performed by the SX-8G IP-Star are displayed.

Kit Method Overview

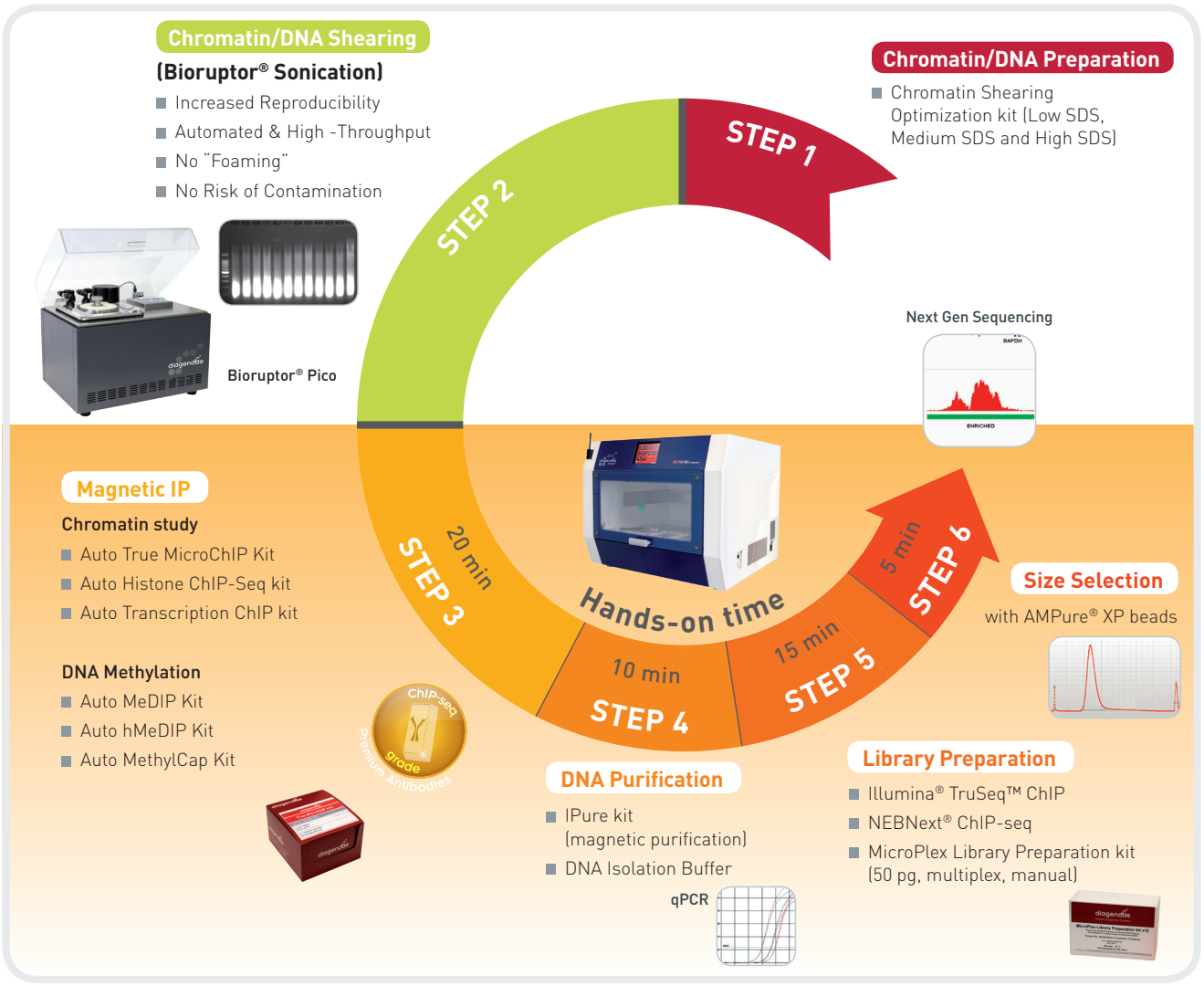


Figure 3. Diagenode provides a full suite of automated solutions for ChIP experiments.

For Step 1, we offer products to isolate nuclei and chromatin. Step 2 describes reproducible sample shearing with the Bioruptor® product line. In Step 3 and Step 4, the Diagenode IP-Star Compact provides error-free, walk-away automation for all your immunoprecipitation and antibody capture needs.

Kit Materials

Kit Content

Two Auto ChIP Kit formats are available and the kit content is sufficient to perform either 16 or 100 Chromatin Immunoprecipitations by using the SX-8G IP-Star Automated System. The kit content is described in Table 1. Upon receipt, store the components at the temperatures indicated in Table.

Table 1. Kit content

Description	Quantity (x16)	Quantity (x100)	Storage
Protein A-coated magnetic beads or Protein G-coated magnetic beads	220 µl	1500 µl	4°C (do not freeze)
Buffer A	25 ml	175 ml	4°C
Rabbit IgG or Mouse IgG	15 µl	110 µl	4°C
1.25 M Glycine	2 ml	15 ml	4°C
Buffer B	3 ml	22 ml	4°C
Protease inhibitor Mix (P. I 200x)	100 µl	700 µl	- 20°C
Buffer C	4 ml	30 ml	4°C
DNA Isolation Buffer (DIB)	4 ml	30 ml	4°C
Proteinase K	40 µl	220 µl	-20°C

Table 2. Reagents available separately

Description	Reference	Description	Quantity	Storage
1 M Sodium butyrate	kch-817-001	-	1 ml	-20°C
Protein A-coated magnetic beads	kch-802-220 kch-802-660 kch-802-150	The beads are supplied for 16 IPs; detergent and 0.02% sodium azide included.	220 µl 600 µl 1500 µl	4°C Do not freeze
Protein G-coated magnetic beads	kch-818-220 kch-818-660 kch-818-150	The beads are supplied for 16 IPs; detergent and 0.02% sodium azide included.	220 µl 600 µl 1500 µl	4°C Do not freeze
Rabbit IgG	kch-504-250	1 µg/µl	250 µl	4°C
Mouse IgG	kch-819-015	1 µg/µl	15 µl	4°C
Buffer B	kch-805-003	Detergent and chelator mix included		
Antibodies	-	-	www.diagenode.com	
Primer pairs	-	5µM each (Rv & Fw)	www.diagenode.com	

Table 3. Kits and Modules available separately

Description	Reference	Quantity
Chromatin shearing optimization kit - Low SDS	AA-001-0100	1 kit
Chromatin shearing optimization kit - Medium SDS	AA-002-0100	1 kit
Chromatin shearing optimization kit - High SDS	AA-003-0100	1 kit
IPure	AL-100-0100	100 rxns
Auto IPure	AL-Auto01-0100	100 rxns

Table 4. Plastics and consumables available separately

Description	Reference	Quantity
200 µl tube strips (12 tubes/strip) + cap strips	WA-001-0080	80
200 µl tube strips (8 tubes/strip) + cap strips for SX-8G IP-Star® Compact	WA-002-0120	120
96 well microplates	WA-003-0010	10
Tips (box)	WC-002-0960	960
Tips (bulk)	WC-001-1000	1000
2 ml microtube for SX-8G IP-Star® Compact	WA-008-0100	100
Large reagent container for SX-8G IP-Star® Compact	WA-007-0020	20
Medium reagent container for SX-8G IP-Star® Compact	WA-006-0010	10

How to perform Automated ChIP in the SX-8G IP-Star®

SX-8G IP-STAR®

How to perform Automated ChIP in the SX-8G IP-Star®

A) Chromatin preparation

STEP 1. Cell collection and DNA-protein crosslinking

1. Collect the cells by trypsinisation and wash two times with PBS.
2. Count the cells and resuspend them in PBS to obtain 10 million cells in 500 µl of PBS. Aliquot 500 µl of cell suspension in 1.5 ml tubes.
3. Add 13.5 µl of formaldehyde. Mix by gentle vortexing and incubate for 8 minutes at room temperature to allow fixation to take place.
4. Stop the fixation by adding 57 µl of Glycine solution. Mix by gentle vortexing and incubate for 5 minutes at room temperature. Work on ice from this point onwards.
5. Centrifuge at 1,600 rpm (250 x g) for 5 minutes at 4°C and gently aspirate the supernatant without disturbing the cell pellet.
6. Wash the cells twice with 1 ml PBS.

STEP 2.

1. Start with sheared chromatin in 1%, 0.5% or 0.1% SDS depending on the cell type and the amount of cells to shear. We recommend the use of Diagenode Bioruptor devices in combination with our shearing optimization kits for the preparation of the sheared chromatin.
2. Dilute your sheared chromatin with ChIP Buffer A at least 10 times if shearing was perform in the presence of 1% SDS
3. Protease Inhibitors are provided in the kit. Add to the diluted sheared chromatin, protease inhibitors to a final concentration of 1X

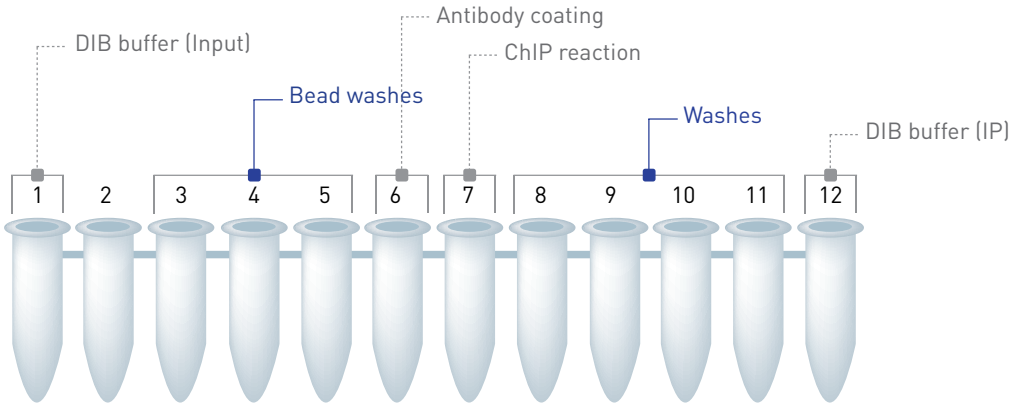
Note 1: please mind in advance about the cell concentration during shearing process as the working IP volumes in the automated systems are 100 µl and 200 µl.

B) Dispense prepared reagents into the corresponding tubes (see picture below)

ChIP Direct Method (Ab Coating)

2. Preparation Buffer + Ab

Antibody	x µl
ChIP Buffer A	100 - x



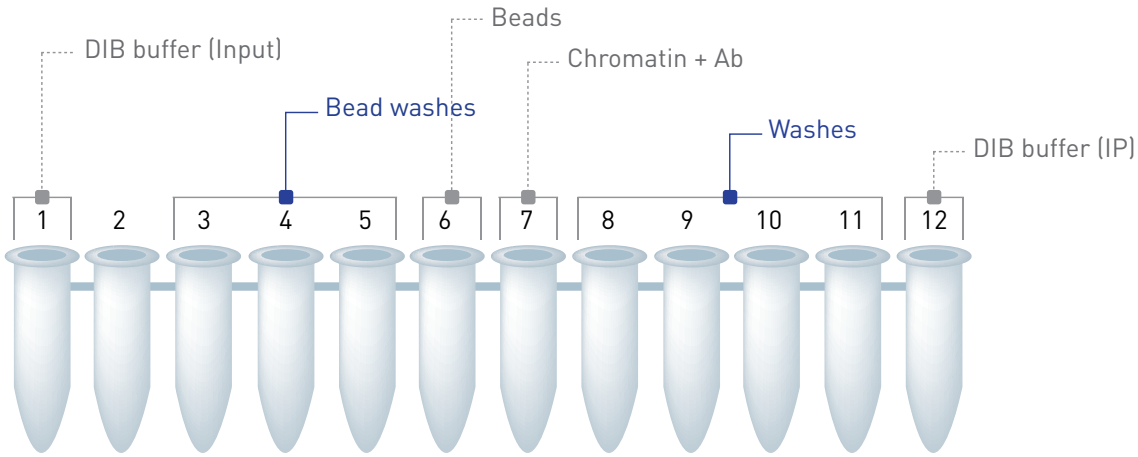
With this method the antibody is first coated on the surface of the magnetic beads and after that the bound antibodies are added to the sheared chromatin.

		DIB	
Tube #	Description	100 µl protocol	200 µl protocol
1	DIB	99 µl	98 µl
2	Empty	-	-
3	Magnetic beads*	10 µl	20-50 µl
4	Buffer A	50 µl	100 µl
5	Buffer A	50 µl	100 µl
6	Buffer A + Ab	100 µl	100 µl
7	Sheared Chromatin Mix	100 µl	200 µl
8	Buffer A	100 µl	150 µl
9	Buffer A	100 µl	150 µl
10	Buffer A	100 µl	150 µl
11	Buffer C	100 µl	150 µl
12	DIB	100 µl	100 µl

* This Auto ChIP kit has been optimized with Diagenode's high quality ChIP-grade antibodies and we use very low amounts of antibody per IP. The binding capacity of 10 µl of magnetic beads is ~3 µg of antibody. If you plan to use more than 3 µg of antibody per IP we recommend that the quantity of beads is adjusted accordingly. Please contact us for advice if required.

ChIP Indirect method (IP and beads incubation)

With this method the antibodies are incubated first with the sheared chromatin and after that the magnetic beads are added to the immunocomplex.



		DIB	
Tube #	Description	100 µl protocol	200 µl protocol
1	DIB	99 µl	98 µl
2	Empty	-	-
3	Magnetic beads*	10 µl	20-50 µl
4	Buffer A	50 µl	100 µl
5	Buffer A	50 µl	100 µl
6	Buffer A	100 µl	100 µl
7	Sheared Chromatin Mix + Ab	100 µl	200 µl
8	Buffer A	100 µl	150 µl
9	Buffer A	100 µl	150 µl
10	Buffer A	100 µl	150 µl
11	Buffer C	100 µl	150 µl
12	DIB	99 µl	98 µl

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Loading and running protocol

Be sure that the computer connected to the SX-8G IP-Star never switches to the standby modus. (standby modus has to be inactivated). Standby of the computer will lead to the abort of the protocol.

Table 3.

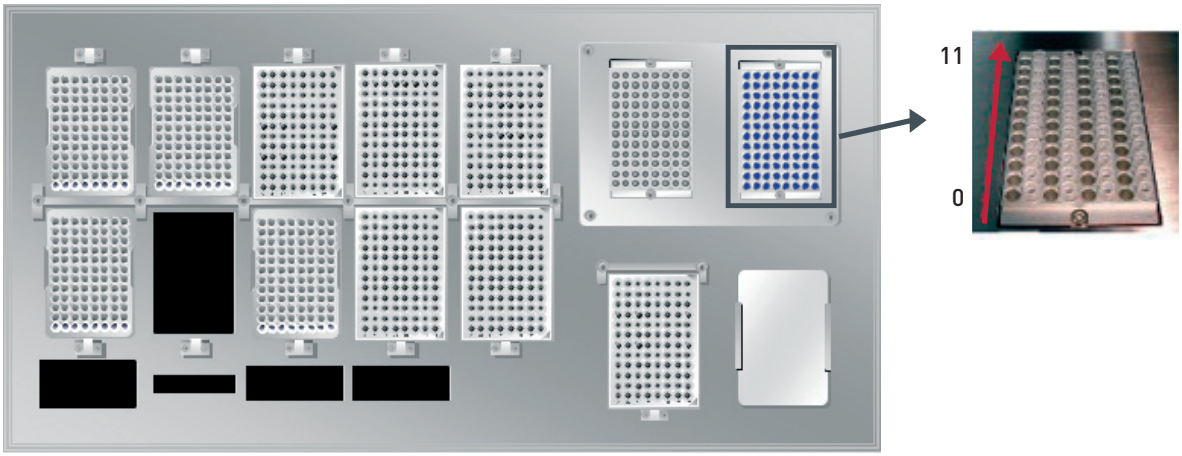
Protocol Name	ChIP_9h_DIB	ChIP_22h_DIB
Reagent Preparation*	1h	1h
Magnetic Bead Washes	1h	1h
Ab coating	2h	5h
Immunoselection	5h	15h
Washes	20min	20min
Add reagents	15min	15min
DNA isolation**	30min	30min
Total Time	10h05 min	23h05 min

* Input required is sheared chromatin ready-to-ChIP

** Performed by using DIB (DNA Isolation buffer)

Note: Hands-on-work time is reduced to 1h45 min in both protocols!

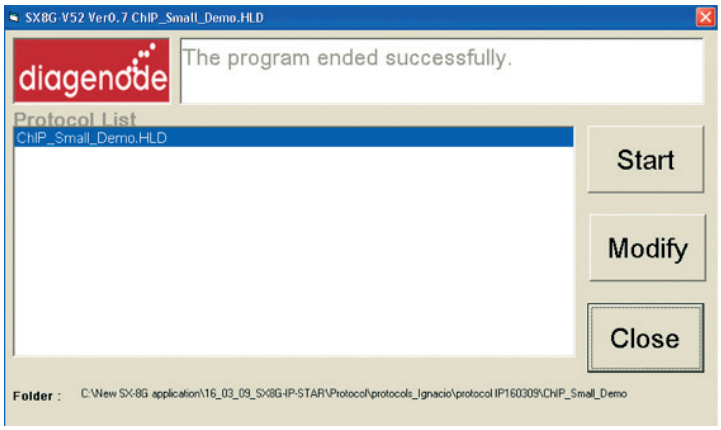
1. Switch on the SX-8G IP Star. The power switch is on the right side of the instrument.
2. Switch on the computer.
3. Start SX-8G V52 software through the following icon
4. Place the prepared tube strip on the right cooling / heating block of the workstation



5. Close the workstation door and lock it using the following icon

6. Press the following icon

Select the protocol of interest. Press start.



IMPORTANT NOTE:

If the ChIP protocols do not appear in the screen,

1. Open the SX-8V52 directory
2. Open Easy start ini file. Write the directory location of the protocols

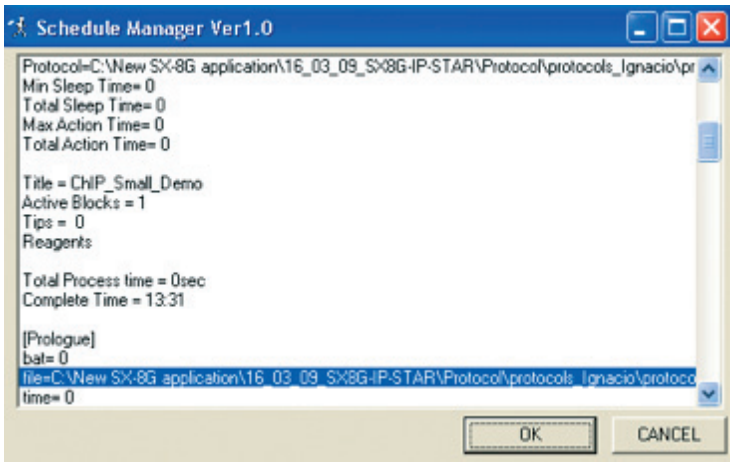
   The Easy start ini file should contain the following information:

   *[**EASYSTARTSCREEN**]*
   *HoldFilePath = **C:\Documents and Settings\Desktop\New software protocols\ChIP\Ab Coating***
   for loading ChIP Direct protocols or
   *HoldFilePath = **C:\Documents and Settings\Desktop\New software protocols\ChIP\IP and beads incubation***
   for loading ChIP Indirect protocols
   In red it is indicated the directory location of the ChIP protocols.

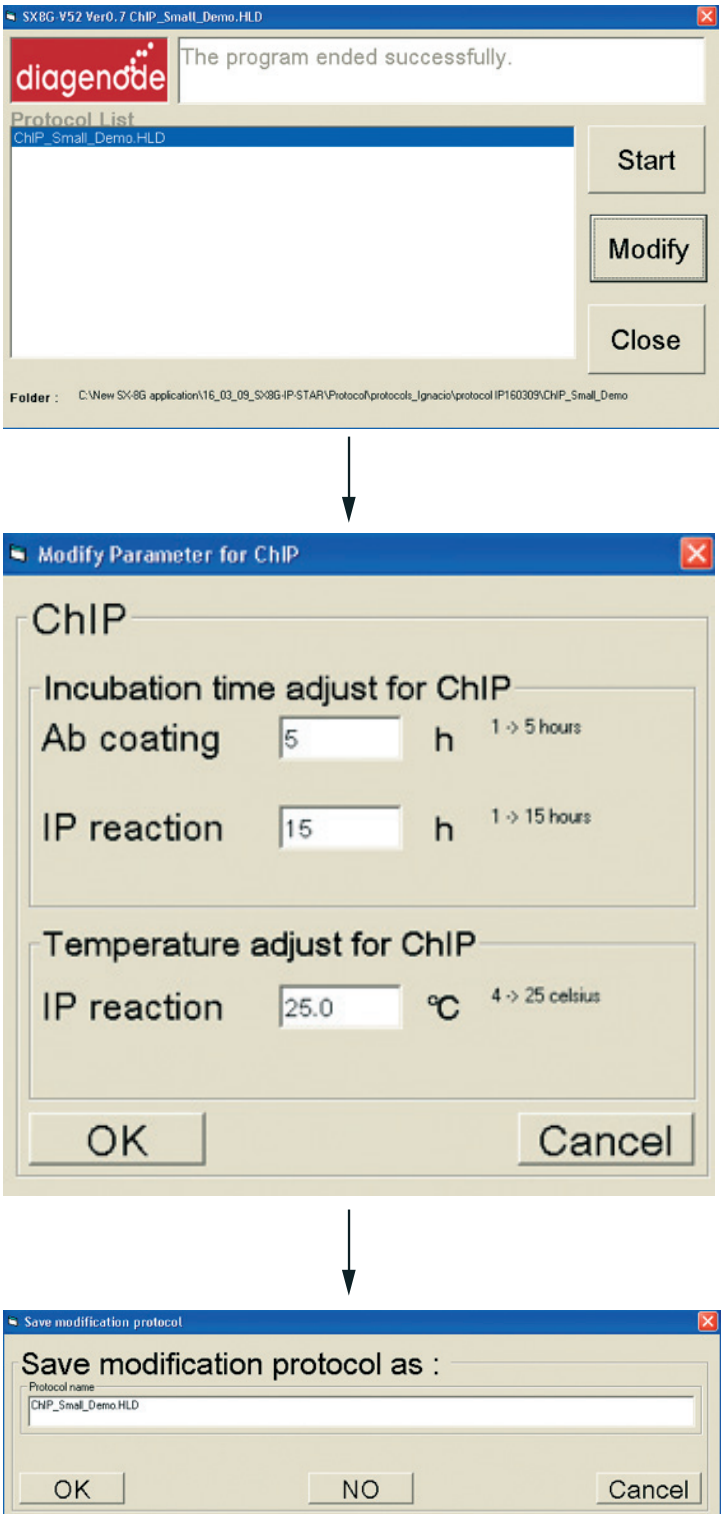
3. Start now SX-8G V52 software through SX-8G V52 exe.file

4. Press button for Easy Protocol Start screen and load the protocol of interest

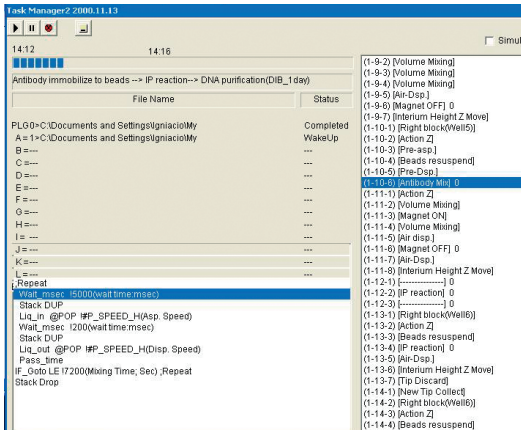
Before starting the protocol a start confirmation window will appear. Press OK and the protocol will run.



Alternatively, incubation time for antibody coating and temperature and incubation time for the IP reaction can be adjusted in an existing protocol by selecting the modify button. The modified protocol can also be saved as new protocol.



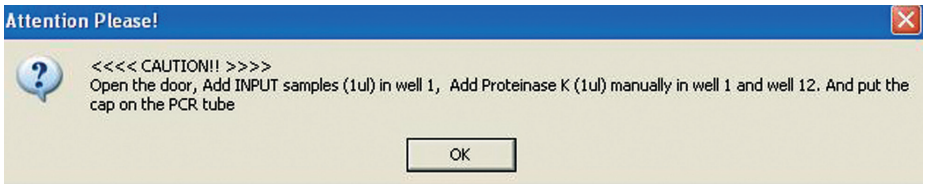
7. The program will run through the following steps: magnetic bead washes, IP and IP washes.



During protocol the next window will be displayed indicating the step that the protocol is processing.

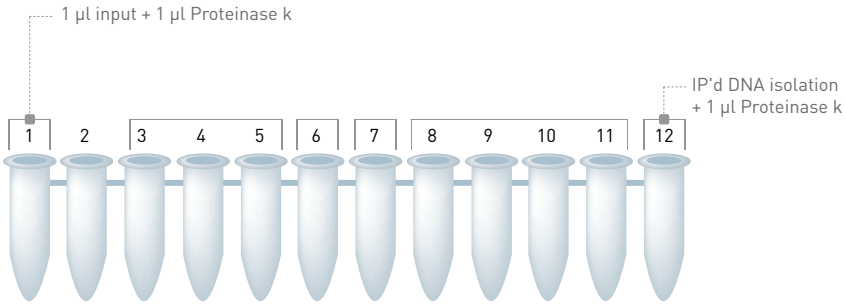
8. ChIP DIB

After the IP washes the following window will be appear.


Attention Please!
<<<< CAUTION!! >>>>
Open the door, Add INPUT samples (1ul) in well 1, Add Proteinase K (1ul) manually in well 1 and well 12. And put the cap on the PCR tube
OK

Follow the next instructions:

1. Add 1% of input in well 1: 1 µl of input when using the 100 µl protocol or 2 µl input when using the 200 µl protocol
2. Add 1 µl proteinase K to wells 1 and 12
3. Close the tube strip with the corresponding caps
4. Press OK



Importan Note: Please note that DNA isolation with DIB buffer and proteinase K delivers single strand DNA that can be directly analyzed by qPCR.
For downstream applications such as sequencing or arrays, DNA needs to be purified by phenol/chroloform extraction and converted to double stranded DNA.

Shutting down the SX-8G IP-Star

1. Click on File and press End to close the software correctly.
2. Switch off the computer and its monitor.
3. Switch off the SX-8G IP-Star Automated System (power switch on the right side).

Note: Ensure that the door is closed!

How to perform Automated ChIP in the SX-8G IP-Star® Compact

SX-8G IP-STAR® COMPACT

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Prepare Reagents

STEP 1. Cell collection and DNA-protein crosslinking

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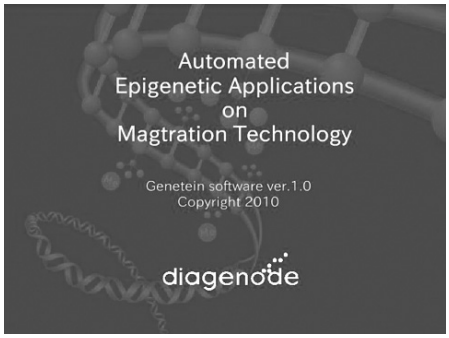
Running a protocol



Diagenode Splash Screen – A0

After the software start-up screen disappears, the Diagenode splash screen is displayed for several seconds, and then disappears.

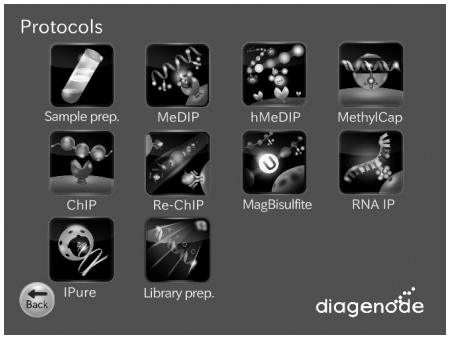
Start Screen – Top menu

After the Digenode splash screen disappears, the start screen is displayed. This is the first active window; it allows the user to enter into three different parts of the software.

USER ACTIONS:

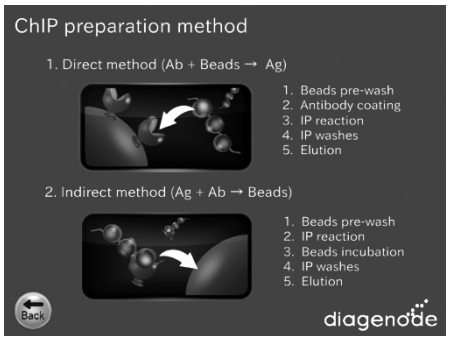
Buttons:

- Protocols
- Maintenance (for technical service)
- Information (Diagenode contact details)



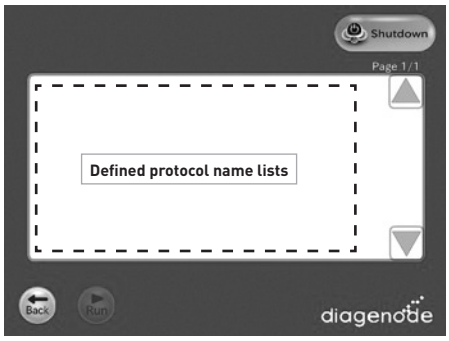
Protocols screen

All available protocols are displayed on this screen.



Screen – [ChIP preparation methods]

The user can select between protocols for direct or indirect ChIP methods.

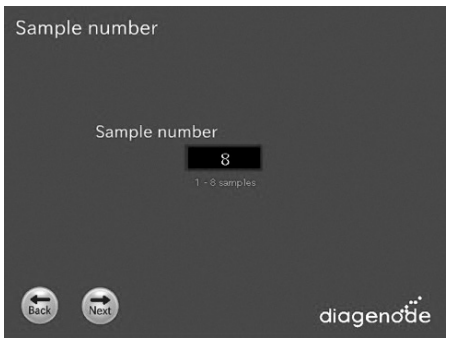


Screen – [Categories Name] Protocol List

After the user presses the "[Categories Name]" button, the "[Categories Name]" appears. When selected the protocol on the protocol list, the "Run" button shall turn executable.

Buttons:

- The user presses the "Back" button. The user returns to the "Protocols" screen.
- The user presses the "Shutdown" button. The screen shall be changed to "Power Off".
- The user presses the "Run" button. The screen shall be changed to "Sample number".
- ▲ Page up the list box.
- ▼ Page down the list box

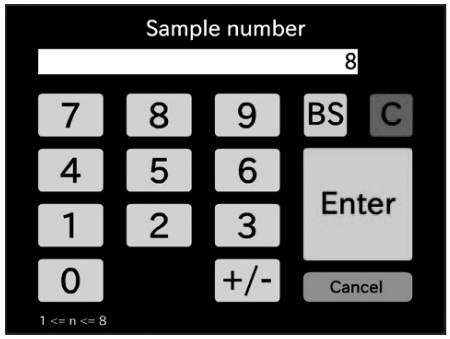


Screen – Sample number

After the user presses the "Run" button, the "Sample number" appears.

Buttons:

- The user presses the "Sample number" Text box. Then screen will be changed to keyboard.
- The user presses the "Back" button. The user returns to the "Protocol List" screen.
- The user presses the "Next" button. Then screen shall be changed to "Configuration" or "Layout information".



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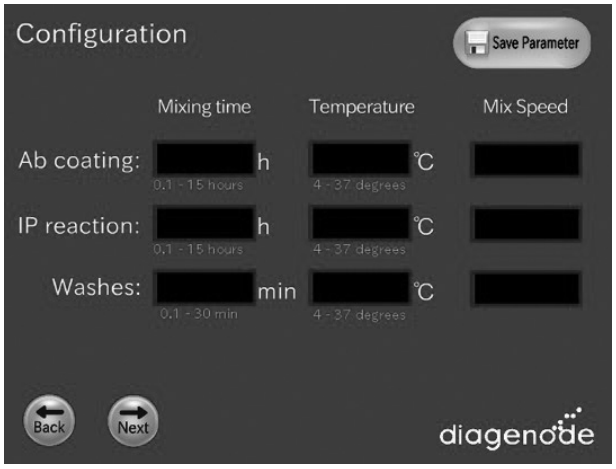
DIRECT ChIP



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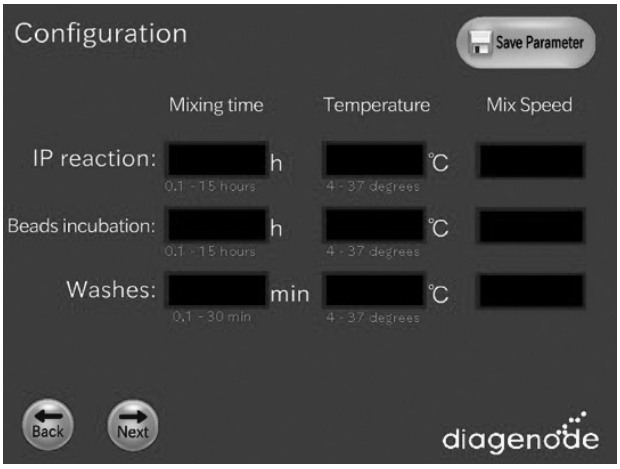

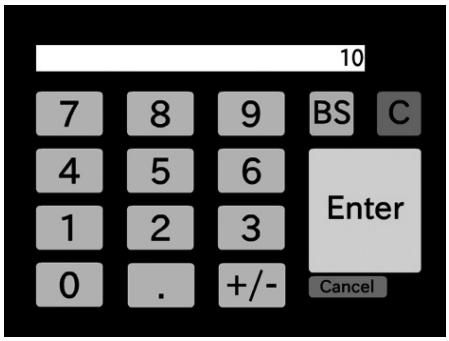

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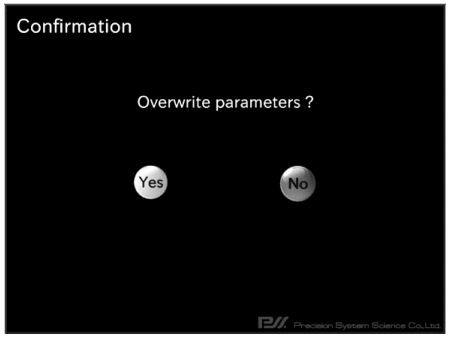
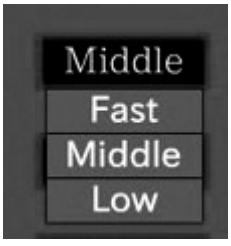


Screen – Configuration

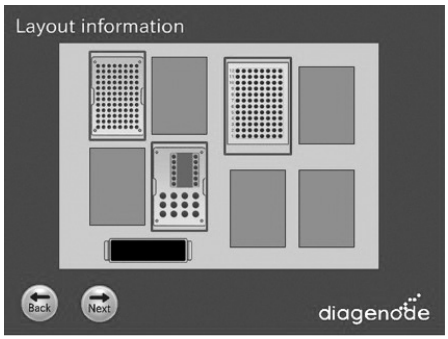
After the user presses the next button from the "Sample number" screen, the "Configuration" screen appears.

Buttons:

- The user presses the "Back" button. The user returns to the "Protocol List" screen.
- The user presses the "Next" button. The screen shall be changed to "Layout information".
- The user presses the "Save Parameter" button. The screen will be changed to "Save Parameter - Confirmation".
  - OK – Current parameters shown in the Display View will be stored to the [Protocol].ptd. And, returns the user to the display of the "Configuration" screen.
  - No – Returns the user to the display of the "Configuration" screen.
- The user presses the Text box. The screen will be changed to Keyboard or Speed list menu.



Speed list menu



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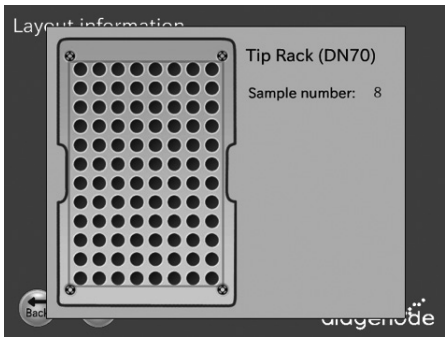

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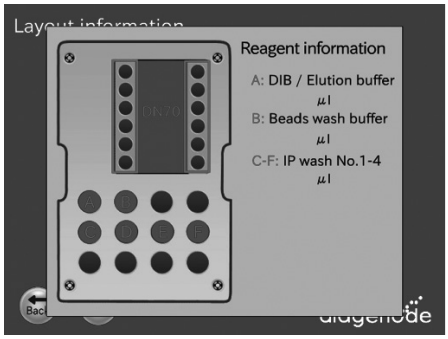

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Screen – Layout Information

After the user presses the "next" button from "Sample number" screen or "Configuration" screen, the "Layout Information" screen appears.

Buttons:

- The user presses the "Back" button. The user returns to the previous screen.
- The user presses the "Next" button. The screen shall be changed to "Set confirmation".
- When the user presses a block, that block is magnified on the work surface layout background. The magnified view provides a better display of the correct method setup for that block on the work surface.
- Based on the selected ChIP protocol, the user follows the indications provided in the screens to set up correctly the different reagents and samples.

Screen – Layout Information

Beads Wash Buffer: Buffer A

Elution Buffer: DIB

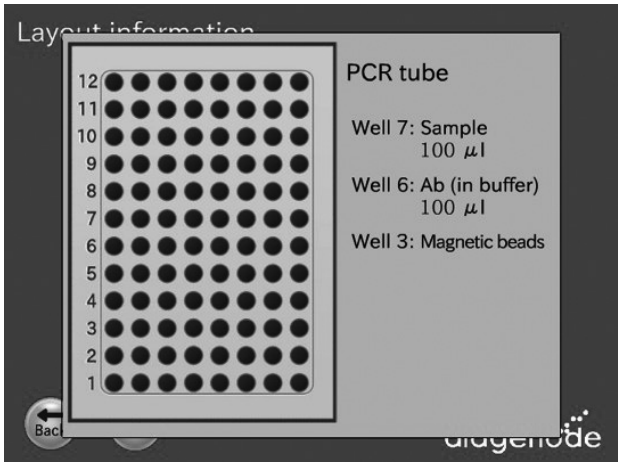
IP wash 1: Wash Buffer A

IP Wash 2: Wash Buffer A

IP wash 3: Wash Buffer A

IP wash 4: Wash Buffer C

DIRECT ChIP



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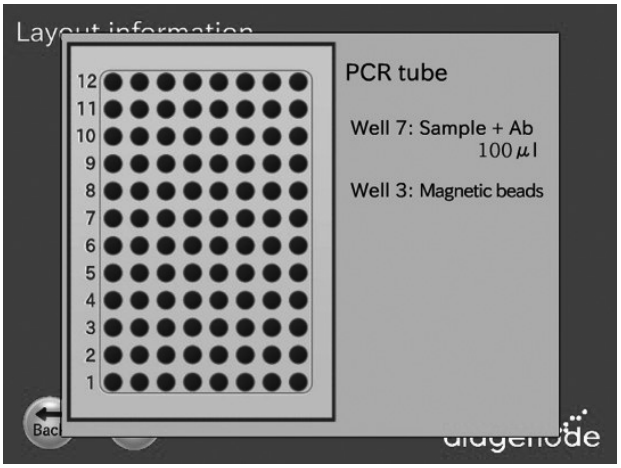

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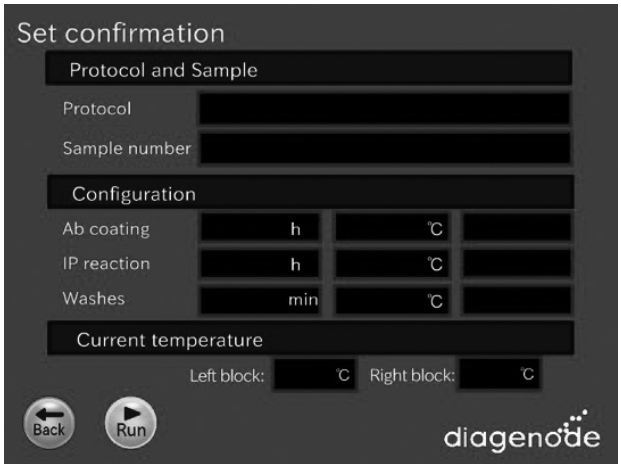

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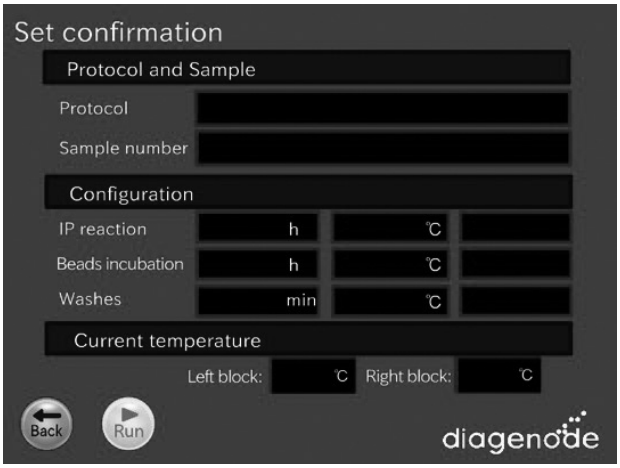


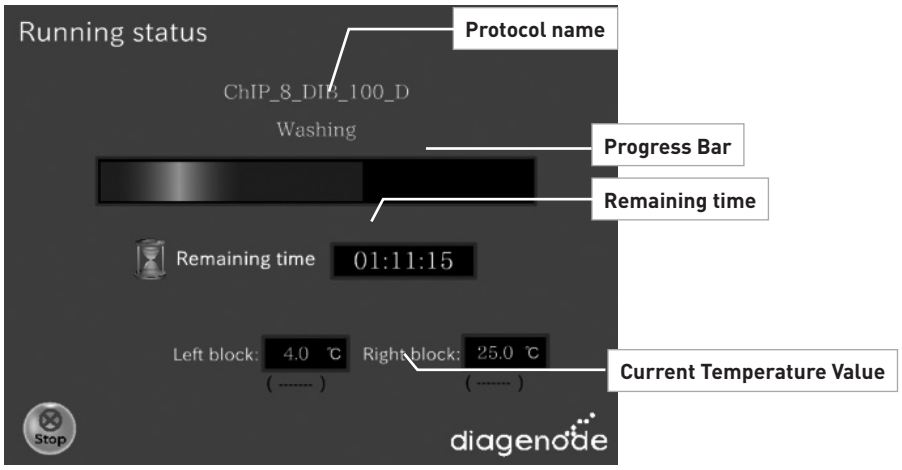
Screen – Set confirmation

After the user presses the "next" button in the "Layout information" screen, the "Set confirmation" screen appears.

At this point, user is expected to be ready to press RUN.

Buttons:

- The user presses the "Back" button. The user returns to the layout information screen.
- The user presses the "Run" button. This is the expected action when user gets to this display after reviewing blocks. Runs the protocol.



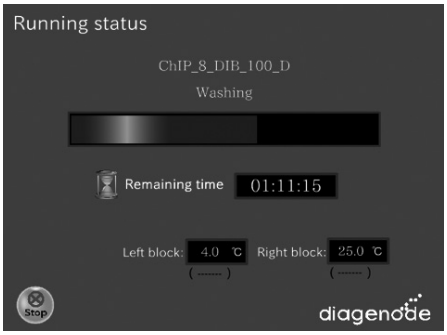
Screen – Running

After the user presses the "Run" button in the "Set confirmation" screen, the "Running" screen appears.

Buttons:

- The user presses the "Stop" button. Then screen shall be changes to "Stop Dialog".

Status screen is preferred as a progress bar that moves across the screen as the step progresses

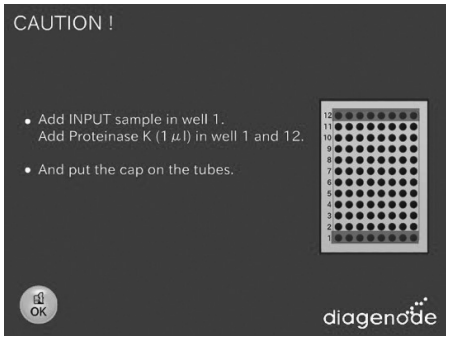


Screen – Running status

This screen gives informations about the current running step of the protocol.

The user can check through this screen the passed and remaining time of the experiment.

A. ChIP - DIB



Screen – Elution

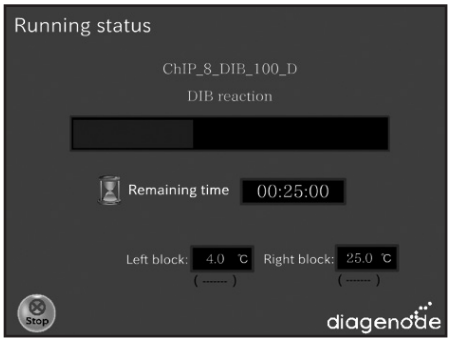
INPUT is defined as

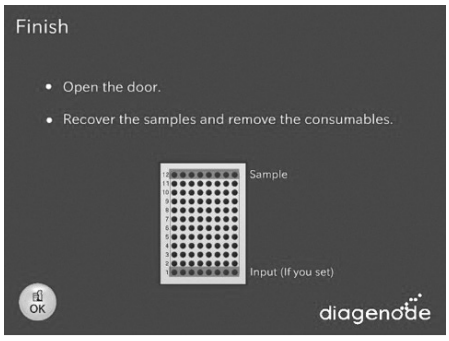
a) 100µl protocol:
INPUT= 1µl diluted sheared chromatin + 99 µl DIB buffer

b) 200 µl protocol
INPUT= 2µl diluted sheared chromatin + 98 µl DIB Buffer

IMPORTANT: Please note that DNA isolation with DIB buffer and proteinase K delivers single strand DNA that can be directly analyzed by qPCR.

For downstream applications such as sequencing or arrays, DNA needs to be purified by phenol/chroloform extraction and converted to double stranded DNA.





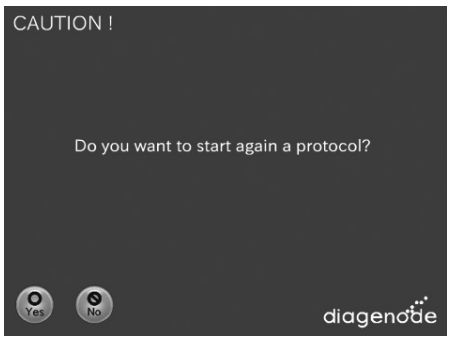
Screen – Finish/End

When the protocol is complete, a window appears telling user the run is over. The screen behind this window should be the Startup screen. When OK is pressed, then the Startup screen appears and the user can immediately begin to remove their sample and prepare the next run.

At this point, user is expected to be ready to press RUN.

Buttons:

- The user presses the "OK" button. Then screen shall be changed to "[Categories Name] Protocol List".



Screen – Caution !

When the protocol finishes the user can return to the protocol list (screen **A.**) or warm the peltier block (screen **B.**) to eliminate possible condensation in the block.

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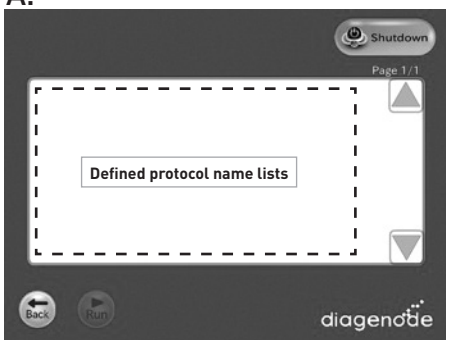

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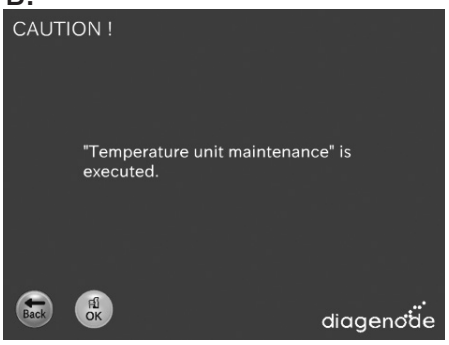

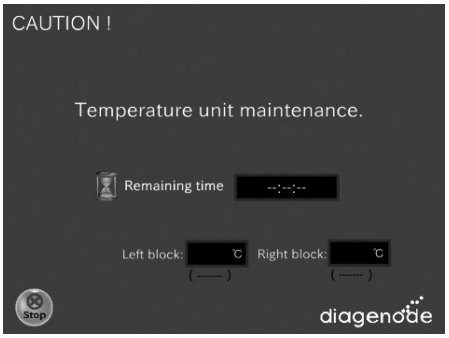

Quantitative PCR & Data Analysis

This last step consists in amplifying and analysing the IP'd DNA.

1. Prepare the **qPCR mix** using SYBR PCR Green master mix. **qPCR** cycles are given below.

   qPCR mix (total volume of 25 µl/reaction):

   1 µl of provided primer pair (stock: 5 µM each: reverse and forward)

   + 12.5 µl of master mix (e.g.: iQ SYBR Green supermix)

   + 5.0 µl of purified DNA sample and diluted purified input(s) (see above for input dilution)

   + 6.5 µl of water

qPCR cycles			
	Temperature	Time	Cycles
PCR Amplification	95°C	3 minutes	x1
	95°C	30 seconds	x40
	60°C	30 seconds	
	72°C	30 seconds	
Melting Curve	65°C and increment of 0.5°C per cycle	1 minute	x60

2. When the PCR is done, **analyse** the results. Some major advices are given below.

- **Your own primer design**
  - » Self-complementarity and secondary structure of the primers can be tested for primer design (http://frodo.wi.mit.edu/cgi-bin/primer3/primer3_www.cgi). Annealing temperature of 60°C is recommended for qPCR primers.
  - » Short length of amplified DNA fragment (50 - 150 bp) facilitates the PCR efficiency and reduces potential problems in amplification of G/C-rich regions.
  - » Difference in melting temperature between forward and reverse primers should not exceed 2 to 3°C.
  - » G/C stretches at the 3' end of the primers should be avoided.

- **Advantages of the qPCR**
  - » qPCR or Real time PCR enable fast, quantitative and reliable results. Visit: http://www.gene-quantification.info/. The Gene Quantification page describes and summarises all technical aspects involved in quantitative gene expression analysis using real-time qPCR & qRT-PCR. It presents a lot of applications, chemistries, methods, algorithms, cyclers, kits, dyes, analysis methods, meetings, workshops, and services involved.

- **Validation of your primers**
  - » Test primer sets by in silico PCR: http://genome.cse.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgPcr. Primers should amplify unique DNA products from the genome.
  - » Test every primer set in qPCR using 10 fold-serial dilutions of input DNA. Calculate amplification efficiency (AE) of primer set using the following by formula(5): AE= 10^(-1 / slope)
  - » The ideal amplification factor is 2. If it is not the case the qPCR reagents from different brand or new primers should be tested.
  - » qPCR products should also be run on a high resolution agarose gel since melting curve analysis in qPCR not always picks up primer dimmer or additional products.

- Data interpretation

  » The efficiency of chromatin immunoprecipitation of particular genomic locus can be calculated from qPCR data and reported as a percentage of starting material: % (ChIP/ Total input).

  » % (ChIP/ Total input)= 2^[(Ct(x%input) – log(x%)/log2) - Ct(ChIP)]x 100%

  » Here 2 is the amplification efficiency (AE) as calculated above(5); Ct (ChIP) and Ct (x%input) are threshold values obtained from exponential phase of qPCR for the IP'd DNA sample and input sample respectively; the compensatory factor (logx%/log2) is used to take into account the dilution 1:x of the input. The **recovery** is the % (ChIP/ Total input).

  Or

  » % input= AE^(Ctinput – CtChIP) x Fd x 100%

  » Here AE is amplification efficiency as calculated above (5); CtChIP and Ctinput are threshold values obtained from exponential phase of qPCR; Fd is a dilution factor of the input DNA to balance the difference in amounts of ChIP and input DNA taken for qPCR.

- Relative occupancy

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  » Occupancy= % input (specific loci) / % input (background loci)

  Relative occupancy is then used as a measure of the protein association with a specific locus; it provides clues about specificity of ChIP. Highly specific ChIP can result in about 10 fold enrichment over background and some antibodies can reach up to 1000 fold. This value not only depends on the antibody but also on the target. ChIP result can be considered as reliable in case of significant values for both efficiency and specificity.

- Use of a **standard curve generated from fragmented genomic DNA**. A dilution series is made and qPCR is run on DNA with the primer one uses for ChIP. This will give the PCR efficiency. Most qPCR programs allow automatic calculation of the DNA quantity in the samples by comparing with the Ct and known quantities of DNA standards.

Results

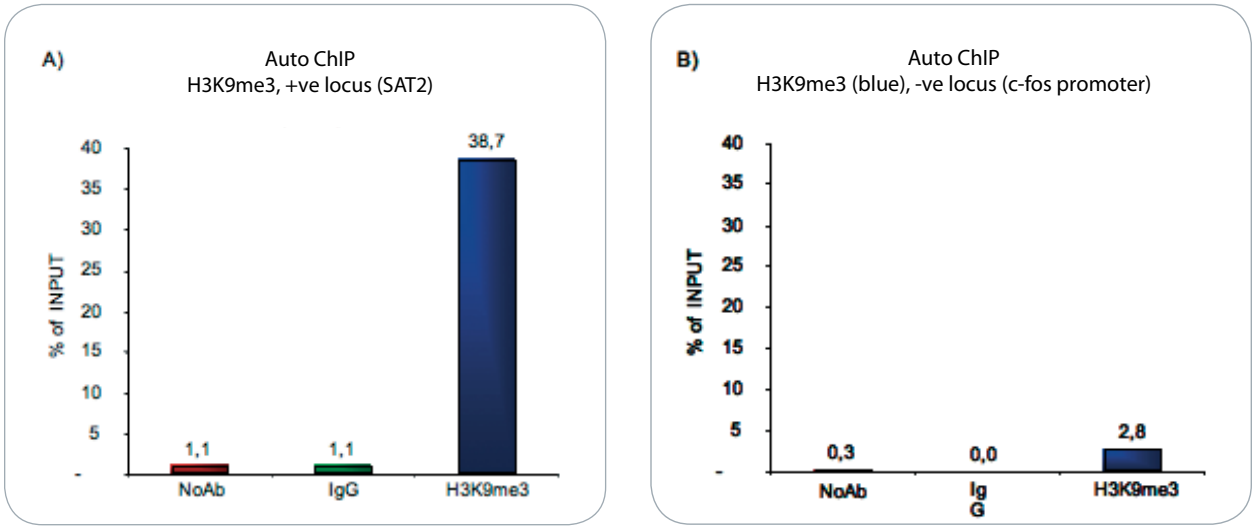

Figure: AutoChIP

ChIP assays was performed using the SX-8G IP Star automated system. Diagenode antibodies directed against against H3K9me3 (cat# pAb-056-050) as well as optimized qPCR primers to amplify a region of the c-fos promoter (cat#: pp-1004-050, -500) and SAT2 from the IP'd DNA were also used. Chromatin was sheared from 100,000 cells. Per ChIP experiment: 10,000 cells equivalent and 1 µg of antibody were used. A negative control antibody (negative IgG from rabbit: 1 µg/IP) and no antibody control were included in the ChIP assay.

A) Show efficiency in the recovery for the positive locus SAT2 whereas

B) show recovery for the negative c-fos promoter locus. DNA has been isolated by using DNA isolation buffer.

Troubleshooting Guide

Error Cause	Remedy
SX-8G IP-Star cannot be switched on	SX-8G IP-Star is not receiving power. Check that the power cord is connected to the workstation and to the wall power outlet.
Computer cannot be switched on	Computer is not receiving power. Check that the power cord is connected to the computer and to the wall power outlet.
SX-8G IP-Star shows no movement when a protocol is started	SX-8G IP-Star is not switched on. Check that the SX-8G IP-Star is switched on.
SX-8G IP-Star shows abnormal movement when a protocol is started	The pipettor head may have lost its home position. In the Software, select "Manual Operation/Home". After confirming that the pipettor head moves to the home position, run the protocol again.
Aspirated liquid drips from the disposable tips	Dripping is acceptable when ethanol is being handled. For other liquids: air is leaking from the syringe pumps. Grease or replace the O-rings. If the problem persists, contact DIAGENODE Technical Services.

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Auto True MicroChIP & MicroPlex Library Prep Package	C01010141	/	16 ChIP rxns & 12 library prep rxns
MicroPlex Library Preparation kit x12	C05010010	AB-004-0012	12 rxns
Auto Histone ChIP-seq kit protein A x16	C01010020	AB-Auto02-A016	16 rxns
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Auto MeDIP kit x100	C02010012	AF-Auto01-0100	100 rxns
Auto hMeDIP kit x16	C02010033	AF-Auto02-0016	16 rxns
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